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Richmond Gun Rally: Is A Virginia Cop Giving 4Chan's /pol Board Inside Info?

January 19, 2020 By Robert Evans (https://www.bellingcat.com/author/robertevans/)

On Monday, January 20, the city of Richmond, Virginia will be host to a massive gathering of militias and individual gun owners, protesting against a series of proposed bills in the state legislature. This event started as the annual "Lobby Day" rally for the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL) but has quickly gotten out of control.

Earlier this week (http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2020/01/fbi-arrests-3-suspected-neo-nazis-before-richmond-gun-rally.html), the FBI arrested several members of Neo-Nazi organization "The Base" who were planning to attend the march with an illegal automatic weapon and more than a thousand rounds of ammunition. Governor Northam has declared a "State of Emergency (https://www.npr.org/2020/01/15/796666321/virginia-governor-declares-state-of-emergency-ahead-of-pro-gun-rally)" in the city and banned firearms from the Capitol grounds. He justified this by stating his fear that some protesters attending the event, "have as their purpose not peaceful assembly but violence, rioting, and insurrection."

Evidence supporting this fear can be found on 4chan's far-right /pol board, where at least one Richmond police officer appears to be providing protesters with inside information.

What /pol Wants From January 20

4chan's /pol board is one of the largest white nationalist gathering places on the Internet. In the lead up to this much-anticipated rally a series of threads titled "/vsg/" (Virginian Spring General) have cropped up to help coordinate anons interested in attending the event. The posts range from general information...

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Virginia Spring General /vsg/ Stealth Edition don't link to past threads, gents. Anonymous (ID: RQE/khb5)
01/18/20(Sat)19:21:00 No.240021253 ▶ >>240021333 >>240021467 >>240021508 >>240021531 >>240021602 >>240021998 >>240022407 >>240022751 >>240023365 >>240023502 >>240024001 >>240024435 >>240024903 >>240026962 >>240027072 >>240027547 >>240027884 >>240028407

ORGANIZE OFFLINE. LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS/DELEGATES CAN BE FOUND HERE:https://keepva2a.com/
>Also has links to buses

VCDL LOBBY DAY JANUARY 20th, 2020 60K PEOPLE EXPECTED

8am - 1pm
Pocahontas Building:
900 E Main Street Richmond, VA

UPDATES:
>Virginia Bill Tracking
https://www.vcdl.org/2020-Leg-Tracking/

>NEWPORT NEWS JANUARY 14TH SWAMP THE MEETING 7pm
https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=b28f1d9ea359b104b09836c4c&id=871472b20b

https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/democrat-says-second-amendment-supporters-in-virginia-have-mental-issues
>DEMOCRAT CALLS 2A SUPPORTERS MENTALLY ILL

https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/lee-county-group-to-take-part-in-richmond-gun-rights-rally/
>this year organizers are expecting as many as 60,000 people

https://nationalfile.com/it-begins-virginia-democrats-ban-guns-in-state-capitol-legislators-exempt/
>It Begins: Virginia Democrats Ban Guns in State Capitol – Legislators Exempt

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...to outright calls for racial violence and the start to a "boogaloo" (far-right terminology for a new civil war. As in, 'Civil War 2: Electric Boogaloo').

Anonymous (ID: 7X3INpZM) 01/18/20(Sat)19:41:59 No.240064104 ▶

>>240061917 (OP)
Glory to God in the highest! Dues Vult!

Anonymous (ID: DQ93VI19) 01/18/20(Sat)19:42:12 No.240064122 ▶ >>240064302 >>240064485 >>240064849 >>240066221

>>240064061
FUCK you. I don't want any NIGGERS in Richmond. If you see any: REMOVE THEM! That's our plan. Stick to it.

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Anonymous (ID: LR6EwwXW) 01/18/20(Sat)14:58:59 No.240024724 ▶

Threadly reminder that the US dies monday. Either the BOOGALOO starts and a new nation rises from Babylon's ashes, or americans stand down and demonstrate their country is no longer the land of the free.

Anonymous (ID: w6p1Msuw) 01/18/20(Sat)14:59:07 No.240024738 ▶

>>240024517
Considering that nobody knows who fired that first shot at Lexington & Concorde, it's entirely possible that it was a rebel agitator that did it from a concealed position. Both sides can false flag. Don't forget that.

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MediaMatters previously reported (https://www.mediamatters.org/4chan/extremists-have-used-4chan-mobilize-and-threaten-violence-over-gun-safety-legislation) on some of these threads and noted: "...users have explicitly organized among themselves for the January 20 rally and have asked about (https://archive.4plebs.org/pol/thread/237099574/#q237100772) "a meeting spot for anons that are showing up." In one thread, users discussed which users would be "command[ing]" a "station" to "serve" at the rally and having an "alert for weapons free," a term meaning permission to shoot at non-friendly targets."

A Law Enforcement Officer Appears

An anti-fascist activist, “B”, reached out to Bellingcat with a link to this archived version (http://archive.is/XXees) of a now-removed /vsg/ thread. In it, an individual with the poster ID “6RuLcY2g” claims to be a Richmond cop working the event and announces that he will be “taking questions”.

Anonymous (ID: 6RuLcY2g) 01/18/20(Sat)14:45:19 No.240023502 ▶ >>240023610 >>240023634 >>240023667 >>240023669 >>240023867 >>240023976 >>240

>>240021253 (OP)
Richmond cop here. I'll be working the event. Taking questions about the city, the event, police, etc. I'm phone posting so forgive me if I'm slow.

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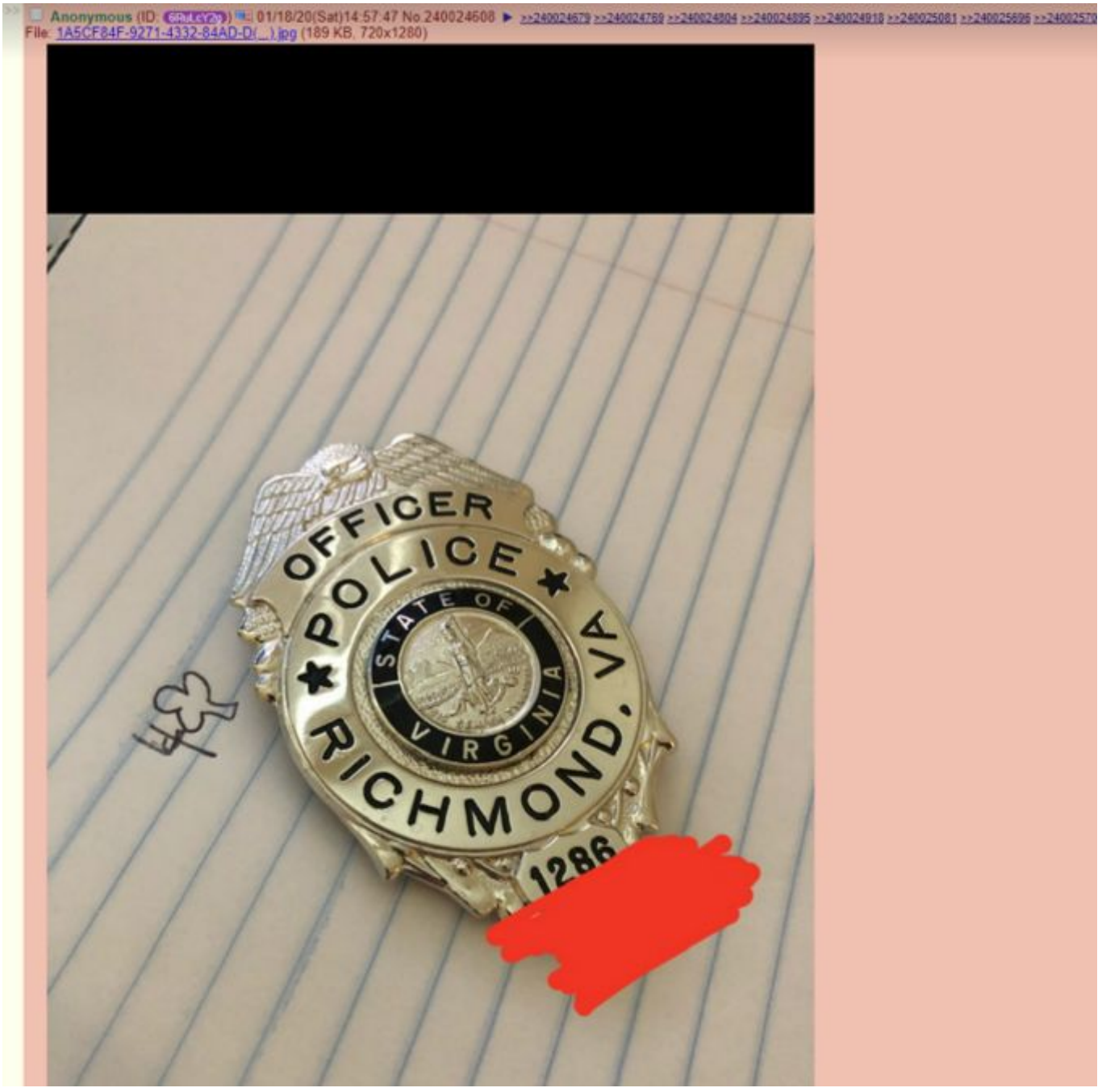
Shortly thereafter, he posts a picture of his badge next to a crude approximation of the 4chan logo.



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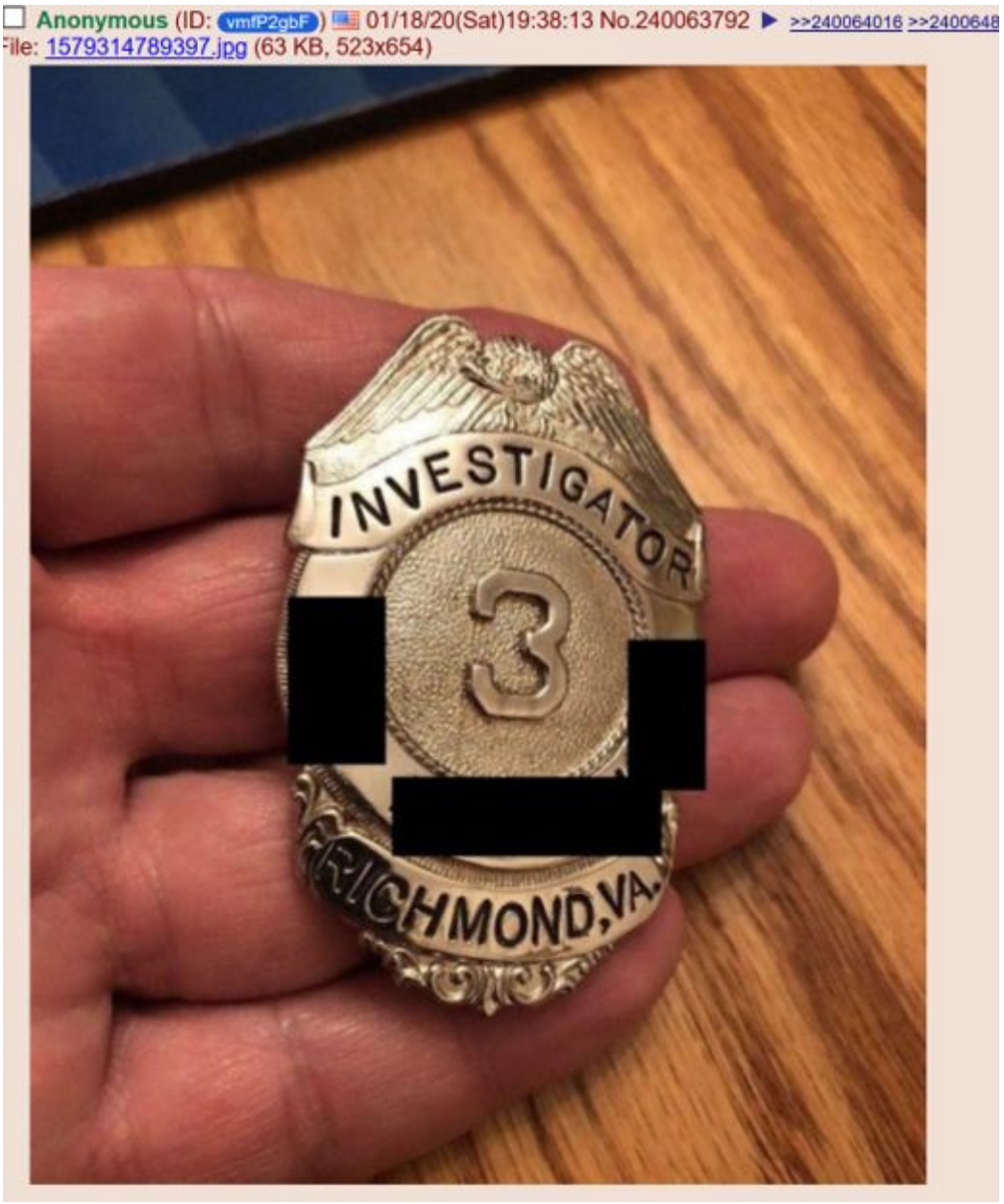
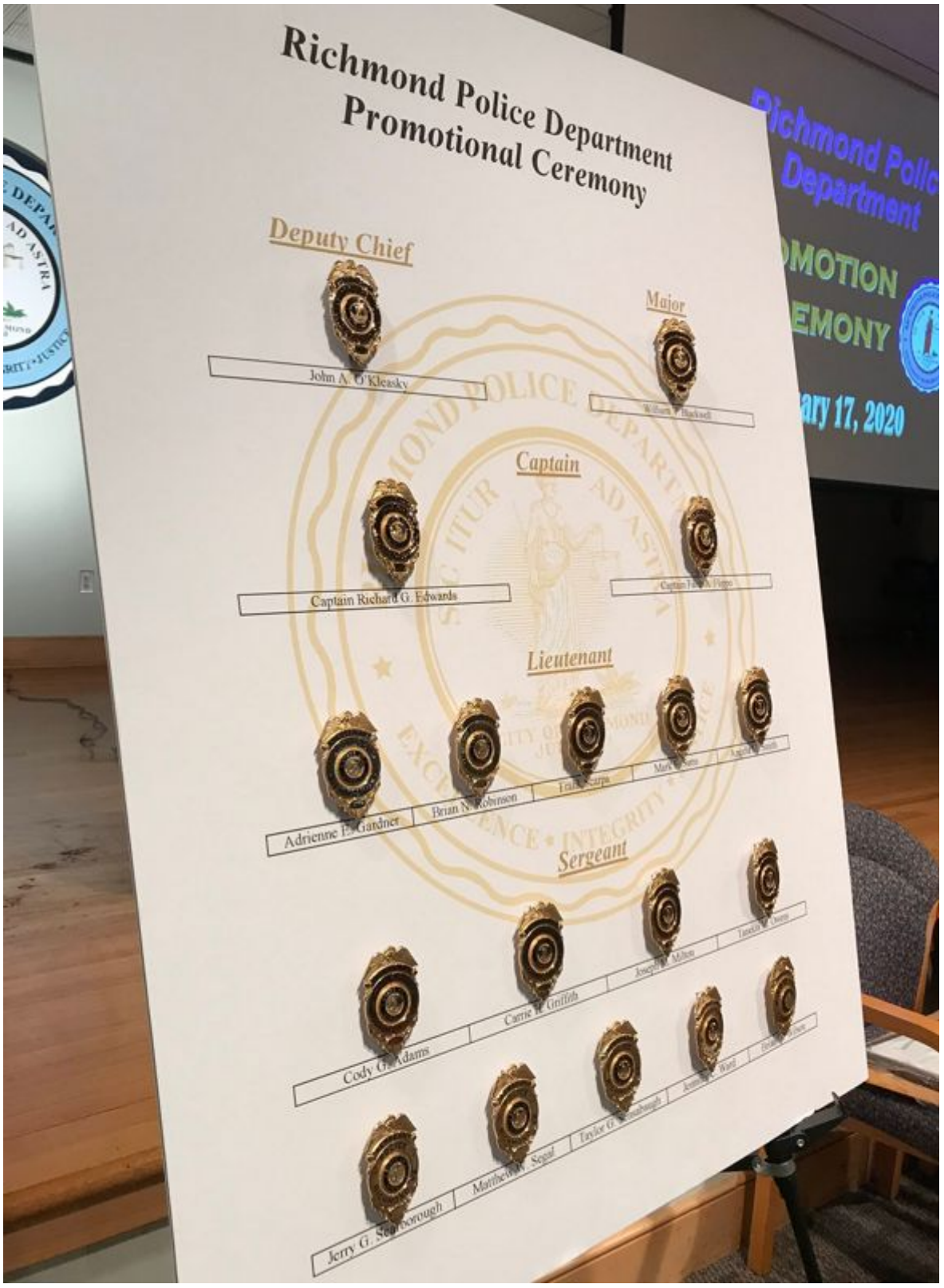
This in and of itself is not hugely noteworthy. In other /vsg/ threads (http://archive.is/QXkdX), users have posted pretending to be law enforcement officers. They have even posted pictures of badges, like this:



(https://017qndpynh-flywheel.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/6.jpg)
This "investigator" badge is quite easily debunked (https://twitter.com/socialistdogmom/status/1218759563047993346?s=20) as a fake via Google Image Search. But this Richmond police officer badge does not show up on Yandex or Google reverse image searches. And based on this tweet (https://twitter.com/RichmondPolice/status/1218179856904617989) from the Richmond police, the badge posted onto /pol does seem to match the badges issued by the Richmond Police Department.



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I thank this activist (https://twitter.com/TheQueerCrimer) for finding the tweet.

A Conversation With Officer Anon

The anons of /pol are often outright Nazi sympathizers, and there are repeated calls in the thread for people to join or support The Base. As you might expect, the kind of people who announce their support of a terrorist network targeted by the FBI are deeply concerned about federal infiltrators.

Anonymous (ID: +246/07I) 01/18/20(Sat)19:41:05 No.240023129 ▶
File: UnitetheRight-Charlottesville.jpg (87 KB, 1200x800)

STAND UP WHITE MAN

JOIN THE BASE

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Within these circles, the term "glownigger (https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=glownigger)" and variations of the word "glow" are used to refer to government operatives who post on boards like 4chan to try and entrap individuals. Quite a few anons express significant distrust of the poster claiming to be a Richmond police officer.

Anonymous (ID: pD8kpIEB) 01/18/20(Sat)19:24:14 No.2400
File: 1579154691816.png (148 KB, 322x527)

>>240062134
>>240062186
This board is glowing LIKE NEVER BEFORE!!!

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But poster 6RuLcY2g makes no obvious attempts to entrap or encourage felonious behavior. Instead, he answers questions and attempts to provide anons with actionable intelligence on police plans for January 20. He notes that there will be "probably 600-700" officers in attendance, tells them to "expect double barriers" around the event area, and even warns his fellow channers to "watch out for glow in the darks."

Anonymous (ID: 6RuLcY2g) 01/18/20(Sat)20:22:43 No.240026809 ▶ >>240027191 >>240027216 >>240027220 >>240027651 >>240028153

>>240026307
I expect probably 600-700 cops from many jurisdictions

>>240026438
Yes. It's inside the governors mansion just walk right in

>>240026514
Sadly I think people will cuck. But who can blame them. But like I said before, watch out for glow in the darks. If anything theyll be the ones popping off

>>240025759
>>240025404
Also, expect double barriers. There will most likely be a low fence, a line of VSP, and then a high fence

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The purported officer's posts show a familiarity with the lingo used on /pol, including its casual racism and homophobia. In another post he claims to have been a regular user of the site since 2009.

Anonymous (ID: 6RuLcY2r) 01/18/20(Sat)14:49:47 No.240023886 ▶ >>240024004

>>240023610
As far as I've heard from people there's a great fear of violence. Most cops are on the side of the 2A and Want the protest to go off smoothly. Personally, I highly suspect some glownigger gay ops because why wouldn't they.

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Anons repeatedly ask him if he intends to "stand down", and accuse him of having ties to the "Mossad" and "ADL" (essentially accusing him of working for the Jewish cabal they believe exists). Another user asks him detailed questions about how the police might respond to the crowd.

Anonymous (ID: OE0IZTMu) 01/18/20(Sat)14:47:09 No.240023667 ▶ >>240025063

>>240023502
Are you intending to stand down when we enter the capitol grounds?

Anonymous (ID: 3R/n/KKi) 01/18/20(Sat)14:47:10 No.240023669 ▶ >>240023867 >>240025063

>>240023502
What are your Mossad handlers and ADL consultants telling you?

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Anonymous (ID: vES/5Ftg) 01/18/20(Sat)14:50:54 No.240023976 ▶ >>24002

>>240023502
Are you going to prevent the armed people from coming close to the fence?
Will you try to disperse the armed people outside of Camp Northam?
Why the fuck all parking, not only the ones close to the event, is cancelled?
How many people do you expect?

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He answers all these questions with a fair amount of detail, noting that "Mossad and ADL don't like people like me" and admitting that there are not enough police to stop the crowd if it gets out of control.

Anonymous (ID: 6RuLcY2r) 01/18/20(Sat)15:02:44 No.240025063 ▶ >>240025333 >>240025404 >>240025549 >>240025759 >>240025822 >>240025934

>>240023667
No one wants to start shooting and we dont have enough police to stop everyone if theres 10k+ determined people. VSP controls the capital grounds, RPD and others will be outside.

>>240023669
Mossad and ADL dont like people like me

>>240023976
>Are you going to prevent the armed people from coming close to the fence?
VSP will make the call on that, so I cant say for sure
>Will you try to disperse the armed people outside of Camp Northam?
Not sure what Camp Northam is I assume thats the Gov mansion which is on capital grounds
>Why the fuck all parking, not only the ones close to the event, is cancelled?
Lot owners are probably scared of liability. I suggest parking anywhere close to Broad St and taking the Pulse bus as far in as you can get.
>How many people do you expect?
We are hearing 10-15k

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At one point he is asked how he and his fellow officers will be outfitted; whether they'll be in normal uniforms or wearing a full tactical get-up. Directly below his response, another anon posts a colorized photograph of a midnight swearing-in ceremony for the Nazi SS.

Anonymous (ID: 6RuLcY2g) 01/18/20(Sat)15:07:54 No.240025529 ▶

>>240024408
City Dogs is right down the street pretty sure they have chili

>>240025016
Typical will probably be BDU uniforms with the yellow vests. The uber tac guys will be hidden away somewhere

Anonymous (ID: gHOCQePn) 01/18/20(Sat)15:07:58 No.240025536 ▶ >>240025632
File: SS midnight initiation.jpg (204 KB, 1600x1092)

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The officer in question — if he is an officer — is careful enough to not state his own beliefs directly. Nor does he advocate any illegal behavior. But he does provide potentially useful insight into how he believes Richmond PD will respond to the protests, and the limitations of his department's capabilities.

Anonymous (ID: 6RuLcY2g) 01/18/20(Sat)20:32:19 No.240027724 ▶ >>240028081

>>240027191
>That depends on too many factors to predict now.
>One stupid police officer that is trying to show off or flex their muscle and the crowd my turn on a dime. In which case the fence would last around 15 seconds.
>A lot of things can happen although, I agree and the people who are going don't want to really cause trouble or shoot at unarmed people....maybe.
This is true. What I fear most is just one shot(or firework) going off that sparks a chain reaction.

>>240027216
If that sort of thing does happen it will be declared an unlawful assembly just because it has to for police to start clearing streets. If were talking multiple thousands of people police will probably just block streets on three sides and wait for people to leave on their own. Not even the most retarded among us thinks we can mass arrest thousands of people or effectively control them.

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It's probably worth noting that, on this same board, other users proudly display swastikas while they share information on how to conduct insurgent campaigns.

☐ **Anonymous** (ID: ODu99qsW) 01/18/20(Sat)19:32:30 No.240063388 ▶
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here is some stuff from older threads

>Offfical Boogie Playlist
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrKn0zN-K6A2GoiZIAoxHi_qdYwmC0cD0

>This has happened before in the state of Virginia
[YouTube] [YouTube] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTDyeQic_Ow [Embed] (embed) (embed) [Embed]

>SHTF Information Playlist
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoE4IYBxWCoTiLWUoRaLvnCWRAKB_HOqN
Covers essentially the basics of everything but the playlist below go into further detail

>Guerrilla Insurgancy vs BLUFOR forces
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXfkLrHc-ga1Y3zjC67d6oJ4IrkiEifKh

>Land Navigation
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXfkLrHc-ga0kWa0mgPG69Af4pBZkDqWY

>HAM Radio Crash Course
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1KAjn5rGhiy7JSmJHjUaUB47jPrd-xbK

>MISC and other helpful tactical information
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXfkLrHc-ga13687P-GzEJhjWrbw5lvFC

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If the poster in question is, in fact, a Richmond police officer, he is an officer who is profoundly comfortable with Nazi iconography and explicit talk of insurgent warfare against the U.S. government.

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>imagine not realizing this is all anons larping with their glowing minders.

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If Sam Hyde will shows up, all hell will break loose. Mark my words.

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Nice hitpiece you have there.
Supporting the 2A is being American, nothing to do with Nazis, retard.

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DaleGribblesWackyNeighbor - January 20, 2020 (https://www.bellingcat.com/news/2020/01/19/richmond-gun-rally-is-a-virginia-cop-giving-4chans-pol-board-inside-info/comment-page-2/#comment-253460)
What are the odds that the people writing articles are also posting the juiciest replies in the threads they are writing about?

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Isa Isodor Malatesta - January 19, 2020 (https://www.bellingcat.com/news/2020/01/19/richmond-gun-rally-is-a-virginia-cop-giving-4chans-pol-board-inside-info/comment-page-2/#comment-253279)
Cops and klan often go hand and hand – just look at the history of policing in the US – it's rooted in early capitalism, catching of run away chattel slaves and the violent oppression of the working class. Fascism is endemic in America, it's no surprise that conservatives are often lulled into fascistic ideology as they are both predicated on authoritarianism, colonialism, "private property" (for white male landowners) and a strong central State apparatus.

Fascism is a death cult dedicated to the annihilation of humanity.

"The strategic adversary is fascism… the fascism in us all, in our heads and in our everyday behavior, the fascism that causes us to love power, to desire the very thing that dominates and exploits us." —Michel Foucault.

! No Gods | No Masters !

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based patriot cop is based

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Sam hyde - January 19, 2020 (https://www.bellingcat.com/news/2020/01/19/richmond-gun-rally-is-a-virginia-cop-giving-4chans-pol-board-inside-info/comment-page-2/#comment-253284)
Bellingcat yet again showing themselves completely oblivious to reality. Antifa are "activists" while supporters of civil rights are "extremists"

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Xa - January 20, 2020 (https://www.bellingcat.com/news/2020/01/19/richmond-gun-rally-is-a-virginia-cop-giving-4chans-pol-board-inside-info/comment-page-2/#comment-253445)
Whoever authored this and anybody who sees posts like that from pol of all places needs to be euthanized tbh fam

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Lynne Dunlap - January 20, 2020 (https://www.bellingcat.com/news/2020/01/19/richmond-gun-rally-is-a-virginia-cop-giving-4chans-pol-board-inside-info/comment-page-2/#comment-253456)
The fact that you're quoting comments from 4 Chan shows what a mental midget you are. 4 Chan is a PSYOP and it's playing you like a fiddle. Those comments are made by paid trolls and it's sad that "journalists" can't figure that out yet.

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